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SUBJ: THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN ZURICH

1. IVORY COAST AMBASSADOR THEODORE DEMEL APPROACHED ME TODAY AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING BEYOND CURRENT PRESS REPORTS WHICH HE COULD USE IN INFORMING PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY OF THE RESULTS OF THE ZURICH MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. I UNDERSTAND THE AMBASSADOR'S FATHER IS PROMINENT POLITICALLY, AND HIS FATHER-IN-LAW IS PHILIPPE YACE, PRESIDENT OF THE IVORY COAST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. DEMEL WAS OBVIOUSLY MOST ANXIOUS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HIS GOVERNMENT SOME BRIEFING - PERHAPS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN HIS OWN STANDING WITH HIS FAMILY AND PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY.

2. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE ADVISE ME WHAT, IF ANYTHING, BEYOND THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE SECRETARY'S PRESS BRIEFING I MIGHT BE AUTHORIZED TO PASS ON TO AMBASSADOR DEMEL.

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